

## CLAIMS

### **What is claimed is:**

1. An apparatus that develops an algorithmic representation based on a textual source  
5 code, comprising:  
first logic, the first logic deriving algorithmic flow information from the textual  
source code; and  
second logic, the second logic using hierarchical Flow Structure Markup  
Language grammar to encode the algorithmic flow information and the textual  
10 source code to create the algorithmic representation.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the algorithmic representation is viewable as a  
flowchart and wherein the flowchart can be graphically edited.
- 15 3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the Flow Structure Markup Language grammar is  
Extended Markup Language (XML)-complaint Flow Structure Markup Language  
grammar.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the Flow Structure Markup Language grammar is  
20 non-XML-complaint Flow Structure Markup Language grammar.
5. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein editing the flowchart results in the textual source  
code being automatically edited.
- 25 6. A method for developing an algorithmic representation based on a textual source  
code, the method comprising the steps of:  
deriving algorithmic flow information from the textual source code; and  
using hierarchical Flow Structure Markup Language grammar to encode the  
textual source code and the algorithmic flow information to create the algorithmic  
30 representation.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the algorithmic representation is viewable as a flowchart, wherein the flowchart can be graphically edited.

5 8. The method of claim 6, wherein the Flow Structure Markup Language grammar is XML-complaint Flow Structure Markup Language grammar.

9. The method of claim 6, wherein the Flow Structure Markup Language grammar is non-XML-complaint Flow Structure Markup Language grammar.

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10. The method of claim 7, wherein the textual source code is edited based on the edit of the flowchart.

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11. A computer program for developing an algorithmic representation based on a textual source code, the computer program being embodied on a computer-readable medium, the computer program comprising:

a first logic, the first logic deriving algorithmic flow information from the textual source code; and

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a second logic, the second logic using hierarchical Flow Structure Markup Language grammar to encode the textual source code and the algorithmic flow information to create the algorithmic representation.

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12. The computer program of claim 11, wherein the algorithmic representation is viewable as a flowchart, wherein the flowchart can be graphically edited by an editing logic.

13. The computer program of claim 11, wherein the Flow Structure Markup Language grammar is XML-complaint Flow Structure Markup Language grammar.

14. The computer program of claim 11, wherein the Flow Structure Markup Language grammar is non-XML-complaint Flow Structure Markup Language grammar.

15. The computer program of claim 12, wherein a second editing logic edits the textual  
5 source code based on the editing of the flowchart.

16. A means for developing an algorithmic representation based on a textual source code,  
comprising:

deriving algorithmic flow information from the textual source code; and

10 using hierarchical Flow Structure Markup Language grammar to encode the  
textual source code and the algorithmic flow information to create the algorithmic  
representation.

17. The means of claim 16, wherein the algorithmic representation is viewable as a  
15 flowchart, wherein the flowchart can be graphically edited.

18. The means of claim 16, wherein the Flow Structure Markup Language grammar is  
XML-complaint Flow Structure Markup Language grammar.

19. The means of claim 16, wherein the Flow Structure Markup Language grammar is  
20 non-XML-complaint Flow Structure Markup Language grammar.

20. The means of claim 17, wherein the editing of the flowchart automatically edits the  
textual source code.

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